

Miss Sarah Adams,
Hopkinton

Mar. 1. 1842.

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Rev. H. K. Phelps.

Dear Sir,

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Permit me to address you as my ever respected, and
esteemed Pastor.

Being convinced that you delight in conferring favors, and sympathizing with
the orphan; I therefore presume to intrude myself upon your notice.

As I do not return to the Seminary in Charlestown, and not, having other application
to teach agreeable to my own sense of duty; I write you, thinking that among your
extensive circle of acquaintance, there might be some clergyman who wishes to employ
a young lady as governess in his family; or if not, in his own family, is desirous of a
school for young ladies in his immediate vicinity.

I would not choose to engage in the responsible duties of teaching, especially
among strangers, without recommendations from those who are competent to judge of
my qualifications and success as a teacher of the English studies pursued in the Mt. St.
Sem. & Academy, where I have previous to teaching in C., been about two years.

I have passed the principal part of the time since you left C. in attending
school, and in teaching. — I am aware you will feel that an apology is more
than due for thus intruding myself upon your notice at a time when most of all,
others, you wish for every leisure moment you can secure from your wide field of
labor in the City, to prepare for your new and endearing relation as Pastor. — But, I
trust you will pardon the liberty I have taken in asking this great favor, by not conferring
it, if attended with much inconvenience.

Yours very respectfully,

Sarah K. Adams.

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The 1st of Jan.
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